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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/652.742 KRAENZLE, DAVID G. Interview Summary Examiner **Art Unit** 3721 Gloria R. Weeks All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Gloria R. Weeks. (3) Kevin Pumm. (2) Louis Huynh. (4) Anthony G. Fussner. Date of Interview: 06 December 2005. Type: a) ✓ Telephonic b) ✓ Video Conference c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e)⊠ No. If Yes, brief description: _____. Claim(s) discussed: 31,37 and 44. Identification of prior art discussed: *Ilsemann*. Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) № N/A. Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet. Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action. Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's Representatives proposed amendments to claims 31, 37 and 44. The limitiations proposed for addition to claims 31 and 37 include the closing station of claims 32 and 38, wherein the limitations of the closing station are further amended to incorporate the closing means of Applicant's invention (i.e. angle plate, clamp block, support post, push rod). Examiner agreed that such an amendment would overcome the prior art of record, however, an additional search of the art would be required as new issues would be presented. Applicant's Representatives also proposed amending claim 44 to include the limitations of claim 45, while arguing the significance of the passageway and pin within the mounting post of Applicant's invention. Applicant's arguments were persuasive in defining Applicant's invention over the prior art. It was concluded that the combination of the limitations of claims 44, 45 and 47 would be required to sufficiently define Applicant's invention over the piror art, thereby putting said combined claims in condition for allowance. See attachment of proposed amendments submitted for interview purposes.

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